Bogus payments for LTC in Sangeet Natak Akademi

3324. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pensioner of UPSC was re-employed in the Sangeet Natak Akademi as Assistant Secretary/Finance and Accounts Officer during the period between July, 1981 and July, 1983;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said pensioner was paid heavy amounts for his two bogus LTCs deliberately, without proper scrutiny of the details by the Accounts Section of the Akademi;

(c) whether responsibility for the irregular payments has been fixed upon the employees/officers who connived with the pensioner; and

(d) if so, what disciplinary action has been taken against the erring employees/officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pensioner was paid Rs. 2744.80p for two LTCs' drawn by him. The LTCs' were sanctioned by the officials through oversight and without observing the rules by the Akademi.

(c) Responsibilities for the irregular payment were fixed with the employees by the Akademi.

(d) The competent Authority after taking the entire matter into consideration issued warnings to the erring employees who failed to observe the rules pertaining to the sanction of the LTC's.

Irregularities in the Sangeet Natak Akademi

3325. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that serious cases of fraud/irregularities in the administrative, financial and other matters in the Sangeet Natak Akademi have been reported to the Secretary and Chairman of the Akademi by the Staff Members' Association;

(b) if so, what are the details of and whether enquiries have been conducted under CCS Rules;

(c) if so, what are the results of the enquiries in all the cases;

(d) whether Government have received complaints from the Staff Members' Association in this regard; and

(e) if so ,what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Of the various complaints received only the following three cases were considered irregular:

(i) Grant of House Building Advance to Shri N. G. Chanda. After full recovery of the Advance from Shri Chanda, his two annual increments were stopped by the Akademi under CCS Rules, as a measure of penalty.

(ii) In the second case, Shri Dasgupta was sanctioned LTC facilities for his parents for the block years 1982—85. As soon as the matter came to the notice, Shri Gupta refunded the entire amount in